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SUBJECT: UNIDO TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING ON VEGETABLE OILS
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REF: (A) VIENNA 7005; (B) VIENNA 4620

1. SUMMARY: MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY VIEWS
CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS 4 THROUGH 8 BELOW TO DR. H. J. DUTTON
OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTER OF USDA IN PEORIA,
ILLINOIS, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED BY UNIDO SECRETARIAT TO
ATTEND AN EXPERTS MEETING ON VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS IN

VIENNA FROM AUGUST 9 TO 11, 1977. UNIDO IS PAYING HIS EXPENSES. DR. DUTTON PLANS TO ARRIVE AUGUST 7 AND INTENDS TO CONTACT MISSION AUGUST 8. END SUMMARY.

2. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING GROUP FOR UNIDO CONSULTATIONS, COMPRISING STATE AND AGRICULTURE, HAS AGREED TO FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO MR. DUTTON. AS MISSION IS WELL AWARE FROM SIMILAR TECHNICAL PANEL MEETINGS IN THE SECTORS OF FERTILIZERS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PHARMACEUTICALS, SUCH INTER-AGENCY VIEWS ARE FOR THE BACKGROUND USE OF EXPERTS FROM U.S. ATTENDING SUCH PREPARATORY MEETINGS. HIS PRIVATE EXPERT CAPACITY STATUS SHOULD REMAIN CLEAR IN ORDER TO AVOID IMPLICATION OF USG COMMITMENT

TO ATTEND THE CONSULTATION MEETING ABOUT WHICH THIS EXPERT PANEL IS ADVISING THE SECRETARIAT, VIZ., THE CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS INDUSTRY IN MADRID FROM DECEMBER 12 TO 16, 1977. USG IS NOT YET ASSURED THAT THE MADRID CONSULTATION WILL BE ORGANIZED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS OF THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH SESSIONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (REFTEL B) WHICH INTERPRET TO U.S. SATISFACTION RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION TO WHICH USG TOOK EXCEPTION IN MARCH 1975.

3. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE AGENDA SUGGESTED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIDO SECRETARIAT COMPRISES SIX ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) THE ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS INDUSTRY AT THE PRESENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MARKET, TECHNOLOGY, USE OF CAPACITIES, ETC;
- (2) RECENT TENDENCIES OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY IN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;
- (3) PROJECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE (1985 - 2000); STRATEGY TO OVERCOME CONSTRAINTS OF DEVELOPMENT;
- (4) SUBSTITUTABILITY OF VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS AND THE EFFECTS THEREOF ON PRODUCTION AND TRADE;
- (5) PROBLEMS RELATED TO OIL CAKES;
- (6) CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS.

AS MISSION IS AWARE (REFTEL A) DEPT HAS NO DOCUMENTATION BEYOND THIS SIMPLE LIST. DEPARTMENT FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT MAJOR PURPOSE OF EXPERTS MEETING ATTENDED BY DR. DUTTON IS TO DEFINE THE AGENDA FOR MADRID.

4. INTER-AGENCY GROUP BELIEVES AUGUST PANEL AND DECEMBER CONSULTATION MEETING COULD PROVIDE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD MAKING MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION MORE READILY

ACCESSIBLE TO DECISION-MAKERS IN THE VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS INDUSTRY AROUND THE WORLD. VIEW OF INTERAGENCY GROUP IS THAT AGENDA ITEMS 2 (TWO), 3 (THREE), AND 6 (SIX) ARE BEST SUITED TO CONSIDERATION AT THE CONSULTATION MEETING IN DECEMBER. IN OUR VIEW, ITEMS 4 (FOUR) AND 5 (FIVE) ARE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE AT THIS TIME. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS SET OF PRIORITIES IS THAT THE UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM UNDER UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93/IV CITES SIMILAR AREAS OF INTEREST WHICH WILL BE ON THE 1978 UNCTAD AGENDA.

5. THE INTER-AGENCY GROUP ALSO FAVORS INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS AS INCLUDED IN AGENDA ITEM 1 (ONE). HOWEVER,

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AGENDA ITEM 1 AS STATED IS TOO BROAD TO BE COVERED IN DETAIL IN THE TIME AVAILABLE. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST MORE DETAILED STUDY OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ASPECTS OF ITEM 1 POSSIBLY AS TWO SEPARATE ITEMS LEAVING ITEM 1 AS QTE INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS UNQTE;

(1) MAXIMUM DEGREE OF PROCESSING WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOMESTIC MARKET AND CONSISTENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET REQUIREMENTS.

(2) THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING, AND STORAGE OF PROCESSED OILS. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING AND STORAGE OF PROCESSED OILS IN ALL COUNTRIES. EMPHASIS COULD CONSTRUCTIVELY BE CONCENTRATED ON AN APPROPRIATE SAMPLE OF COUNTRIES.

6. FURTHER STUDY IN DEPTH OF AGENDA ITEM 4 BY THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT AND ITS CONSIDERATION AT THE DECEMBER CONSULTATION SEEMS OF SECONDARY PRIORITY BECAUSE BOTH UNCTAD AND FAO HAVE PUBLISHED SEVERAL STUDIES OF THE TECHNICAL SUBSTITUTABILITY AND INTERCHANGEABILITY OF VARIOUS VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS.

7. STUDY OF AGENDA ITEM 5 SEEMS OF SECONDARY PRIORITY BECAUSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED LITTLE INTEREST IN OIL CAKES AND MEALS, PROBABLY REFLECTING THE HISTORICALLY STRONG MARKET DEMAND FOR THESE COMMODITIES AND THE LOW DEGREE OF PROCESSING REQUIRED.

8. IN ALL CASES, UNIDO SECRETARIAT SHOULD SURVEY CURRENT LITERATURE BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FAO AND UNCTAD IN ORDER TO BEGIN ITS RESEARCH FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASIS OF RESEARCH ALREADY COMPLETED.

9. DR. DUTTON SHOULD APPEAR ON PARTICIPATION LIST AS
NOMINEE OF AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION TO CLARIFY THAT

HE PARTICIPATES IN A PRIVATE EXPERT CAPACITY. CHRISTOPHER

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